

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended)

1       The method set forth in claim ~~4~~ 8 wherein said ratio is in the range of 30:70 to  
2      70:30.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended)

1       The method set forth in claim ~~4~~ 8 wherein said inner layer has a hardness in the  
2      range of 70 to 80 ~~diameter~~ durometer

5. (Currently Amended)

1       The method set forth in claim ~~4~~ 8 wherein said preselected frequency range is 300  
2      to 400 Hz.

6. (Currently Amended)

1           The method set forth in claim 4 8 wherein said inner layer of said inner tube is of  
2   ethylene/acrylic elastomeric material container, and said container outer layer of said inner tube  
3   is of peroxide-vulcanized acrylonitrile acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymer rubber.

7. (Currently Amended)

1           A method of making a power steering pressure hose having a predetermined fluid-  
2   borne noise dampening characteristics, which comprises the steps of:  
3               (a)   providing a laminated inner tube having an inner layer with a radial  
4   thickness  $T_1$  and an outer layer with a radial thickness  $T_2$ , said inner layer having a hardness in  
5   the range of about 70 to 80 durometer, and said radial thickness  $T_1$  having a ratio to said outer  
6   thickness  $T_2$  in the range of about 30:70 to 70:30, and  
7               (b)   surrounding said inner tube with an outer reinforcing tube, and  
8               (c)   selecting by empirical determination a ratio of said radial thicknesses  
9   within said range to maximize dampening of fluid-borne noise by elastic radial expansion of said  
10   inner and outer layers.

8. (New)

1           A method of using a power steering fluid hose for dampening fluid-borne noise in  
2   an automotive power steering system which comprises the steps of:  
3               (a)   directing power steering fluid through a power steering fluid hose having a  
4   laminated inner tube surrounded by a reinforcing outer tube,

**9. (New)**

1                   The method of claim 2 wherein said inner layer has a hardness in the range of 70  
2                   to 80 durometer, wherein said preselected frequency range is 300 to 400 Hz and wherein said  
3                   inner layer of said inner tube is of ethylene/acrylic elastomeric material and said outer layer of  
4                   said inner tube is of peroxide-vulcanized acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymer rubber.